

Program C: Scholarships/Grants

Program Authorization: Paul Douglas Scholarships- P.L. 98-558, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership– P.L. 99-498; LA R.S. 17:3031, Rockefeller Scholarships – Act 707 of 1989 and LASFAC’s agreement with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; LAR.S. 56:797d, Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program – Act 547 of 1995; LA R.S. 17:3046, Tuition Payment Program for Medical School Students – Act 281 of 1997.

Program Description

The mission of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to administer state and federal scholarships, grant and tuition savings programs to maximize the opportunities for Louisiana students to pursue their postsecondary educational goals.

The goal of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to effectively and efficiently administer assigned programs in compliance with statutory authority and regulation.

The Scholarship/Grants Program includes the following activities:

1. Paul Douglas Scholarships - Federal funding for scholarship awards was rescinded for the 1995-96 fiscal year and has not been funded for subsequent years. However, under current federal guidance, the agency must assure that former recipients complete their obligation by teaching or repayment.
2. Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) - Provides need-based grants to academically qualified students. Each college and university establishes the annual award amount within the limits established by this agency. This federal program requires a state match and mandates that the non-federal share of the total amount of these grants shall come through direct state appropriations. The reauthorized Higher Education Act replaces the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) with the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program, which is essentially a continuation of the SSIG.
4. Rockefeller Scholarship Program - Annually provides 60 scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to Louisiana residents engaged in the study of wildlife, forestry, or marine science at Louisiana colleges and universities. Repayment of funds received is required if a student fails to successfully complete the prescribed course of study.
5. Louisiana Honors Scholarship Program - Provides tuition awards to Louisiana's high school graduates who rank in the top 5% of their graduating class and who attend a Louisiana public or approved private college or university, or state technical institute. Act 1375 of 1997 terminated this program effective academic year 1998-1999, and replaced it with a component of TOPS.
6. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) - A college savings plan which awards a state grant as an incentive for families to save for the projected future costs of their children's postsecondary education.
7. Tuition Payment Program for Medical School Students – Provides full tuition and room and board for qualified students who agree to practice in a rural or poor community in Louisiana for not less than two consecutive years. Failure to fulfill work requirements results in the individual being required to repay funds received.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$2,431,219	\$2,501,534	\$2,501,534	\$2,534,460	\$2,510,300	\$8,766
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	46,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	438,337	1,059,517	1,059,517	1,067,579	1,059,517	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$2,915,556	\$3,621,051	\$3,621,051	\$3,662,039	\$3,629,817	\$8,766
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$552,889	\$521,294	\$521,294	\$515,681	\$505,952	(\$15,342)
Other Compensation	12,350	11,265	11,265	11,265	21,665	10,400
Related Benefits	103,952	102,425	102,425	112,479	118,568	16,143
Total Operating Expenses	214,686	293,909	293,909	283,900	255,056	(38,853)
Professional Services	75,025	193,256	193,256	197,894	193,256	0
Total Other Charges	1,940,313	2,490,402	2,490,402	2,529,820	2,529,820	39,418
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	16,341	8,500	8,500	11,000	5,500	(3,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$2,915,556	\$3,621,051	\$3,621,051	\$3,662,039	\$3,629,817	\$8,766
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	19	15	15	16	16	1
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	15	15	16	16	1

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from award fees used to defray the costs related to processing scholarships and grants. The Statutory Dedication is the sixty (60) \$1,000 scholarships from the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund for students studying wildlife, forestry and marine sciences. This fund is created in La. R.S. 56:797A.(2) from mineral revenues. (Per R.S. 39:36B. (8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal funds include the following: (1) the Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership (LEAP) which replaced the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) for needy, academically qualified students; and (2) the Paul Douglas scholarships to encourage in individuals to pursue teaching careers.

	ACTUAL	ACT 12	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund	\$46,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$2,501,534	\$3,621,051	15	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$2,501,534	\$3,621,051	15	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$9,038	\$9,038	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$9,416	\$9,416	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
(\$8,500)	(\$8,500)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$62,922)	(\$62,922)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$3,128	\$3,128	0	Other Annualizations - Accounting training series annualizations
\$2,885	\$2,885	0	Other Adjustments - Accounting training series
(\$9,300)	(\$9,300)	0	Other Adjustments - 1/2 State General Fund travel reduction
\$75,021	\$75,021	1	New and Expanded Adjustments - new position and associated costs for the START activity
\$2,510,300	\$3,629,817	16	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$2,510,300	\$3,629,817	16	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$2,510,300	\$3,629,817	16	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$193,256 Advertising for Student Tuition Assistance & Revenue Trust Program (START)

\$193,256 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$50,000	Paul Douglas Scholarship Program - federally funded program to encourage individuals to pursue teaching careers
\$60,000	Rockefeller Scholarship Program - scholarships for Louisiana residents engaged in the study of wildlife, forestry and marine science
\$371,616	START Earnings Enhancements (formerly Tuition Assistance Grants (TAGS)) - payments allocated to START accounts
\$1,954,204	Leverage Education Assistance Partners (LEAP) - need based grants to academically qualified students

\$2,435,820	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
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Interagency Transfers:

\$30,640	Rent in State Owned Buildings
\$10,000	LETA Services - miscellaneous financial aid programs
\$7,540	Legislative Auditor - audit of program
\$223	Uniform Payroll - payroll charges
\$867	State Civil Service - personnel transaction service charges
\$5,312	State Registrar
\$318	Office of Risk Management - insurance coverage
\$39,100	Office of Telecommunications Management - telecommunications services

\$94,000	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
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\$2,529,820	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
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ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$5,500 Personal computer, printer and workstation for new position

\$5,500 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS